



Lisa Stampnitzky, post-doctoral fellow at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies, spoke on October 14, 2009, about her dissertation titled, "Disciplining an Unruly Field: Terrorism Studies and the State, 1972-2001." During her time at Mershon, Stampnitzky hopes to expand her dissertation into a book manuscript.



Stampnitzky's lecture included discussion and analysis of expert knowledge on terrorism from the 1970s to the present day. She examined the first identification of terrorism as a state problem, the role of government in organizing the production of knowledge, and the ongoing efforts of academic and practical experts to define the field.



Richard Herrmann (center), director of the Mershon Center and Social and Behavioral Sciences Distinguished Professor of Political Science, asked Lisa Stampnitzky about the development of terrorism studies in a global context. Stampnitzky is a post-doctoral fellow at the Mershon Center and lectured on her current research, "Disciplining an Unruly Field: Terrorism Studies and the State, 1972-2001," on October 14, 2009.



After her lecture, Lisa Stampnitzky answered questions about historically specific concepts of terrorism and the process by which experts have made these concepts understood. Stampnitzky, post-doctoral fellow at the Mershon Center, received her Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley in 2008. During her time at Mershon, she hopes to expand her dissertation titled, "Disciplining an Unruly Field: Terrorism Studies and the State, 1972-2001," into a book manuscript. On October 14, 2009, Stampnitzky spoke about this topic at the Mershon Center.